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SUBJ: MAJOR PROJECTS: OIL PIPELINE

REF A. BELGRADE 3233 B. BELGRADE 2342 C. ZAGREB 0115

1. BEGIN SUMMARY. PROPOSALS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF OIL PIPELINE TO LINK ADRIATIC WITH HUNGARY AND CZECHOSLOVAKIA, VIA KEY POINTS IN CROATIA AND BOJVODINA, HAVE RECEIVED HIGH LEVEL GOVERNMENT ENDORSEMENT, WITH PROJECTIONS THAT PROJECT IS TO BE COMPLETED BY END OF 1976. RECENT STATE VISIT OF HUNGARIAN FIRST SECRETARY JANOS KADAR AND HIGH LEVEL TALKS WITH CZECHS HAVE AFFIRMED THIS GOAL. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT PROPOSED EXTENSION OF PIPELINE TO ROMANIA HAS BEEN DROPPED. END SUMMARY.

2. AS REPORTED REFTEL (A), KADAR/TITO COMMUNIQUE ANNOUNCED THAT PIPELINE CONNECTING THE TWO COUNTRIES SHOULD BE IN OPERATION IN 1976. REFTELS (B) AND (C) REPORT DETAILS THIS PROJECT.

3. FEC MEMBER TRPE JAKOVLEVSKI, WHO IS CO-CHAIRMAN OF GOY/CSSR

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MIXED COMMITTEE FOR ECONOMIC AND SCIENTIFIC/TECHNOLOGICAL

COOPERATION, HELD TWO DAYS OF TALKS IN PRAGUE IN EARLY JULY AT WHICH PIPELINE WAS REPORTED TO BE MAJOR ITEMS. STATEMENTS ISSUED ON JAKOVLEVSKI TALKS INDICATE THAT PREPARATIONS ARE UNDERWAY FOR YUGOSLAV-CZECH-HUNGARIAN AGREEMENT.

4. EKONOMSKA POLITIKA OF JULY 9 REPORTS THAT TOP GOY PARTY AND STATE LEADERS FROM CROATIA, BOSNIA-HERCEGOVINA AND VOJVIDINA MET IN ZAGREB AT END OF JUNE; AGREEMENT WAS REACHED FOR CONSTRUCTION OF YUGOSLAV PORTION OF OIL PIPELINE, AS WELL AS BRANCH LEADING FROM SISAK TO HUNGARY AND CZECHOSLOVAKIA. SAME REPORT STATES THAT THREE MAJOR PARTICIPATING ENTERPRISES (INA, ENERGOINVEST AND NAFTAGAS) ARE APPOINTING REPRESENTATIVES TO "INITIATIVE BOARD/ WHICH WILL PREPARE PARAMETERS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF PIPELINE. TARGET DATE OF 1976 IS AGAIN CITED DUE TO CONSUMPTION REQUIREMENTS FOR CRUDE OIL WHICH BY 1976 CANNOT BE FULFILLED BY CONVENTIONAL MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION.

5. NONE OF ABOVE REPORTS MAKES MENTION OF ROMANIAN EXTENSION OF PIPELINE. MOREOVER, COMMUNIQUE FROM RECENT CEAUSESCU VISIT MADE NO MENTION OF PIPELINE. IT IS POSSIBLE THIS HAS BEEN DROPPED.

6. COMMENT. REPORTS THAT PROJECT IS TO BE IN OPERATION IN 1976 SEEMBE OVERLY OPTIMISTIC. NONETHELESS, IT IS CLEAR THAT AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE HAS BEEN REACHED TO GO AHEAD WITH CONSTRUCT SN PLANS LINKING ADRIATIC WITH HUNGARY AND CZECHOSLOVAKIA. THIS REPRESENTS SIGNIFICANT OPPORTUNITY FOR U.S. SUPPLIERS.  
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